

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

I have today written the following to the Sinclair Broadcast Group:

I strongly object to the showing of the partisan political advertisement: "Stolen Honor" masquerading as an un-solicited news program on your many Sinclair owned and operated television stations. This is a new low in sleazy yellow journalism and emphasizes once again the importance of eliminating media monopolies and abuse of publicly-owned airwaves.

Freedom of Speech is an important right and value in this nation, so, should you wish to air it, it would be appropriate to do so as a paid political announcement sponsored by an identifiable legal PAC or 527 group.

Putting it into our living rooms as an "objective news report" is immoral and probably illegal!

Please take the high road!